

**WHAT WITH** the exciting F.A. Cup news of a home tie against Newport County and a 7-0 thrashing over St. Albans behind them, Wycombe Wanderers go into tomorrow's (Saturday) Rothmans Isthmian League Division One clash against Enfield, on the crest of a wave.

Altogether, six players followed manager Tommy Lawrence back to Southbury Road in the close season from Slough Town. Everyone expected immediate results from the game's most successful amateur manager. But it just hasn't materialised yet.

Enfield started disastrously and only a run of four consecutive victories without conceding a goal in October has brought them up to the upper regions of the table.

About their best result at home this term was a 2-1 victory over Dulwich Hamlet. Recently they have beaten both Ilford and Bromley 1-0 before their two cup battles against Hayes. These matches involved their controversial striker Robin Friday who played for Hayes in the first match of the season. He was then suspended for offences last season and signed for Enfield. He played for them in the London Challenge Cup against Brentford but Hayes then approached the league, claiming illegal approach. The result was Enfield were adjudged in the

wrong and Friday was banned from all league matches.

He played for Enfield against his old club in the two cup games last week and indeed scored Enfield's goal in the 1-1 draw. In the replay, however, he finished on the losing side and one solitary goal was enough to put Hayes through to the first round proper and a visit to Boston United.

#### **SAME SIDE?**

Wanderers should be able to field the side that beat Worthing 3-0 in the Cup on Saturday and then handed out the humiliation to St. Albans on Tuesday. Wycombe should be injury free, apart from Derek Gamblin and Ian Rundle.

Gamblin has a fractured knee cap while Rundle has been seriously ill in Radcliffe Hospital. He is suffering from meningitis which affects the nervous system in the spine, and was unconscious earlier this week. Apparently Ian is now

conscious and his condition is improving. He had this disease when 17, and was then in hospital for six months.

#### **NO REPEAT?**

Wycombe will hardly be allowed to repeat their brand of football, seen on Tuesday, at Loakes Park tomorrow. Against St. Albans they were in irresistible form, clipping huge passes half the length of the field with superb accuracy. Enfield, with a much tighter defence, will not allow them the time to set up their dangerous attacks although the speed of the Wycombe front men could well trouble the Middlesex side's veteran centre back Alf D'Arcy, who skippered Slough in the Amateur Cup final at Wembley last term.

Several familiar faces left Enfield last year including Ken Gray (now with Dagenham), Paddy Betson, John Payne (Bishop's Stortford) and international forward Tony Turley.

The Slough six filled many of the gaps.

Ian Wolstenholme replaced Andy Williams in goal while D'Arcy, and those two excellent defenders Keith Mead and Ray Eaton, came into the back four. Roger Day and Micky O'Sullivan and Laurie Churchill also joined.

John Butterfield, the England forward replaced by Keith Searle in the recent U.E.F.A. Amateur Cup against West Germany, is still there and currently top goal scorer with six. John Connell, formerly with Hendon and a member of their Amateur Cup winning team two years ago, recently returned to the forward line.

#### **ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE**

##### **DIVISION 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hendon	20	14	5	1	35	6	47
Dulwich	22	14	5	3	41	16	47
B Stortford	22	12	5	5	43	16	41
Hayes	17	10	3	4	31	15	33
<b>Wycombe</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>
Leatherhead	16	10	1	5	37	16	31
Tooting	22	9	4	9	28	29	31
Leytonstone	18	8	5	5	27	16	29
Enfield	18	9	2	7	24	16	29
Oxford	21	7	7	7	23	31	28
Barking	20	8	3	9	28	32	27
Walton	15	7	5	3	23	16	26
Walthamstow	19	7	5	7	25	27	26
Hitchin	17	7	4	6	31	30	25
Kingstonian	18	6	6	6	25	21	24
Sutton	18	6	5	7	22	26	23
Bromley	22	5	3	14	24	35	18
Ilford	19	4	5	10	15	29	17
Woking	13	5	1	7	18	25	16
S Albans	20	2	4	14	16	47	10
Casuals	17	2	1	14	12	33	7
Clapton	20	2	0	18	8	72	6